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SHANGHAI STUDENTS IN CLASH

Youth Army Group Beaten Up: Tense Moments Easier Nanking Situation

Nanking, May 21.

Students of the Central University who demonstrated here yesterday decided at a meeting today to continue their strike and present new petitions to the Government.

However, thus far, no new demonstration has been planned. In a press conference last night, Mr. Wang An-Ming, Vice-President of the Central University Student Self-Rule Committee, stated: "The unfortunate thing which happened today will not stop us at all. On the contrary it may make us more determined."

Mr. Wang admitted that the demonstration was without result, adding: "We know that the Government will not stop the civil war because we have clamored but at least we have said it. We said it for our own sake and for the sake of the nation."

The student figures of the number injured in the clash with the police are at variance with those announced by the Garrison Headquarters. According to the students, the most serious injuries included one head wound and two leg fractures, while 39 students were slightly injured.

Garrison Version.

Garrison Headquarters in a statement said: "As the police and gendarmes were unarmed and greatly outnumbered in this clash and whereas the students were armed with clubs, ink-wells and banner rolls, the number of policemen injured in fact exceeded that of the students."

Garrison Headquarters maintained that 30 policemen were injured while the students hurt numbered 11, nine no more serious than abrasions.—Reuter.

To Be Charged

Nanking, May 21. Nine students arrested during Tuesday's student-police clash have been turned over to the Nanking District Court and will face possible charges of disturbing peace and order.

An Education Ministry official was quoted as saying the court will be expected to show leniency to the youths.—United Press.

Chengdu Clash

Shanghai, May 21. Several Youth Army veterans who enrolled at the National China University at Chengdu, on the western outskirts of Shanghai, were injured in a clash with striking students this morning.

While most Shanghai universities resumed classes, Chingdu students held out and continued their agitation for a demonstration in support of the Nanking students. When some 50 Youth Army veterans wanted to return to classes they clashed with the strikers. The outnumbered soldiers were beaten.

China Premier's Gloomy Picture

Nanking, May 21. Premier Chang Chun, in a report to the People's Political Council, today urged PPC members seriously to consider the problem of China's civil war during their two-week's session.

The Premier covered the political, economic, foreign and educational policies which the National Government will follow this year.

General Chang told the PPC that the civil war is uppermost in the minds of the people at the present time. Attempts to negotiate with the Communists have failed four times but the political programme adopted by the reorganized national government still offers the Communists an opportunity to resume talks.

Referring to the Government's foreign policy, the Premier said that it was based on cooperation with China's former war allies and on the United Nations' charter.

A gloomy picture of China's economic condition was painted by the Premier, who said that direct losses suffered in the



Photo taken in Shanghai last week when students seized a train with the intention to proceed to Nanking. The tracks were torn up ahead of them by troops bringing them to a halt.

(Associated Press)



Seated on the line in front of the halted train, Ling Hung-sun, Vice-Minister of Communications, trying to persuade the students to abandon the enterprise voluntarily and return to their studies. (Associated Press)

Time Short For China's Cabinet

New York, May 21. The student demonstrations confirm the grave state of affairs in China, the "New York Herald-Tribune" today says in an editorial, which urges China's new Cabinet to "grasp their problems" and to prevent a complete collapse of the political structure.

"This defiance is a grave sign, and confirms other evidence of the serious state of affairs in China."

"It is important because it involves direct disobedience of President Chiang Kai-shek. In the past he has been able to keep the respect of the Chinese even under difficult circumstances, and normally has escaped blame for the mistakes and misdeeds of his subordinates in the government."

"The basic requirement for stability in China is a government with strong interest in the welfare of the Chinese... It is time for members of the new cabinet in China—several of them men of high reputation—to grasp their problems."

"Unfortunately, they have little time. The mistake of their

THE WEATHER

A weak anticyclone is moving into the Pacific to the NE of Japan. Another has developed over Mongolia and is extending over NE China. Pressure has fallen over Japan and remains low over SW China and Burma. The depression is centred over E of Okinawa, moving slowly NNE. "Now's Forecast: Light SE winds, mostly cloudy with scattered morning showers; continuing warm."

Yesterday's Weather:

Maximum: 83.5 deg. Feb.
Minimum: 76.5 deg. Feb.
Sunshine: 6.7 hours.
Rainfall: 0.5 mm. to 0.81 in. Total since Jan. 1—399.1 mm. on average an average of 470 mm.
Wind: 4-5 m.s. (10-12 m.p.h.)
Readings at: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Baro. at 8 a.m.: 1020.8 mb.
Emiss. 2821. 29.7 mb.
Rel. Humidity: 74%
Dew Point: 17° F. 18° C.
Wind Direction: N.E.
Wind Force: 4-5 m.s.

Hamburg, May 21.

A British Military Court today found Captain Helmut von Ruckteschell, German sea raid

er, guilty on three of five charges of violations of the rules of sea warfare.—United Press.

KAI TAK REVERTING TO CIVIL STATUS

(By Margaret Bradbury)

Kai Tak airport, which has been under the control of R.A.F. personnel since the re-occupation, is to revert to the supervision of civil aviation authorities in Hong Kong at the beginning of July.

A staff made up of five controllers, radio telephony operators and clerks is expected to be flown out from England within the next few weeks.

As from yesterday the airport came partly under civil control, and Government officials will carry on in co-operation with the R.A.F. until the new team arrives.

Notice was given to the civil authorities some time ago to the effect that the shortage of staff in the R.A.F. flying control section would make it necessary that they should take over from the R.A.F.

They invaded the three lower stories and threw furniture, records and food tickets out into the street where a huge bonfire was lighted.

After cry of "Let's go to the food control office," the crowd marched to the building and repeated their attack, burning archives and ration cards by the thousands.

In the Loire department also there were a number of demonstrations against the economic control system. At Pithivier Neuville and Sully-sur-Loire crowds ran economic control officials out of town.—United Press.

New Building

It is also expected that an announcement will be made shortly naming the site for Hong Kong's new airport, but a small terminal building is now being built at Kai Tak on the civil aircraft landing side of the field.

This building, which is only one storey high, should be completed by the end of the month, and will handle the immigration, customs and medical formalities for passengers.

The terminal will replace the Nissen-style tents where passengers landing from civil aircraft have been "censored" since the Liberation.

Features of the manhunt included the discovery of a gun by children playing in Thomas-side mud; a successful search for the "frightened lady" said to have been with a man that the police wanted to question; and capture by a policeman "who never forgets a face."—Reuter.

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Paris, May 20.
King Gustav of Sweden, will tomorrow visit the Paris museum where historic relics of the French Revolution are preserved.

In the evening he will attend a ballet show from the Presidential box.—Reuter.

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Kwangtung Politician Murdered

Canton, May 21.

Twenty-one members of the People's Political Council today presented recommendations to Premier General Chang Chun, calling for the immediate recovery of Macao.

The spokesman said that this was not definite yet.

"The Daily Express" said:

"The precise terms of reference of the mission are not known but it is being freely canvassed in the city that

America is now prepared to consider making available a supply of raw material and food

on a peace-time lend-lease basis.... Mr. McNeil would, of course, be advised by both Treasury and Bank of England officials."

They declared that China

should abrogate the Sino-Portuguese treaty, inform

Portugal that Macao must be

returned as soon as possible

make plans for taking over the

administration and warn that

China will not be responsible for

what may result if the city is

not relinquished.

Other nations have given up

unequal treaties in China they

said, and the recent Sino-

Portuguese treaty, abolishing

extraterritoriality, failed to

mention Macao.

One Councillor, Mr. Shen

Chi-chung, went a step further

and asked the Premier why the

Government does not immediately

take over the administration

of Hong Kong, Port Arthur and

Dalren, as well as Macao.—

United Press.

Tsou Wu, a member of

the Kwangtung People's

Assembly, was shot dead

on the East Bund this

morning.

Tsou arrived from Lamkong

a few days ago to attend the

second session of the Assembly.

As he left the house this morning, an unknown man came up

and shot him twice in the chest.

Tsou was killed instantly.

The murderer escaped down a side-street.

One of the bullets wounded a

bystander in the leg.

On Tsou's person was

CN\$101,800 in cash, which was

not touched.

Aged 62, Tsou had a long

career as a magistrate in south-

ern Kwangtung, where he is a

prominent figure.—KPN.

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Penang, May 21.

Eight people were killed and

18 seriously injured when

a night mail train from Kuala

Lumpur to Penang was derailed

at Bukitengah, five miles from

Penang this morning.

It was feared that more

casualties were buried under

Battle Of Hong Kong Trial

Verdict In Tanaka Case To Be Given This Morning

FINAL SPEECHES BY COUNSEL

The verdict of the Court in the trial of Major-General Tanaka Ryosaburo, one of three Japanese divisional commanders who led the assault on Hong Kong, is to be given this morning when No. 5 War Crimes Court re-assembles.

Tanaka is charged with responsibility, while commander of the 229 Regiment of the 38th Division of the Imperial Japanese Army, with inhuman acts perpetrated by his troops. These include the alleged killing and ill-treatment of prisoners of war taken at Sai Wan, the Salesian Mission, Repulse Bay, "Overbays" and battle Hong Kong, and the killing and ill-treatment of medical personnel, civilians, doctors and orderlies at the Salesian Mission in late December, 1941, during the assault on the Island.

The evidence of Dr. Banfill, that he had heard from a Japanese officer, when captured, that "all captives must do" formed a major point in both the closing addresses by the Defence and the Prosecution.

Japanese defence counsel, Mr. Sakai Yusuke, submitted that no unit of the Tanaka Butai had passed north of Mount Parker or the West side of Tai Tam Reservoir where Major Banfill testified he had been captured. He "deeply regretted the matter cannot be further clarified owing to the fact that the whereabouts of Honda, the junior officer in question, are at present unknown."

The Order

The Canadian prosecuting officer, Major G.E. Puddicombe, K.C., submitted that of accused having ordered that POWs be executed, there was the evidence of Dr. Banfill suggestive of such orders being in effect. Dr. Banfill had testified he was told by a junior officer called Honda, and pronounced Honda, that the order was to kill all captives.

An affidavit from Nakamura Tokio, who admitted to having been interpreter at the parade of civilian guests of the Repulse Bay Hotel outside "Euclid" on Dec. 23, 1941, shortly after the hotel had been surrendered to the Japanese, was submitted to the Court when it reassembled yesterday morning.

Nakamura claimed in his affidavit that he had not spoken to any of the assembled guests other than while interpreting for Major-General (then Colonel) Tanaka. He stated also in his affidavit that no motor-car arrived during the parade.

Defence Case

The closing address by Tanaka's defence counsel, Mr. Sakai Yusuke, read to the Court by the advisory officer to the defence, (Lt. D. C. Banfield) was a detailed analysis of

ZBW TALK

Trevor Glenay, the BBC observer and commentator on current affairs, is to give talk over ZBW on Saturday evening. His talk will be in connection with the British Flood Relief Fund and he will give Hong Kong first-hand expert information on the results of the recent floods and conditions of Home.

Mr. Glenay, who is on a lecture tour to troops in the Far East, leaves the Colony on Sunday.

Their hands tied behind their back, could be considered more reliable because Boesveldt appeared to be the more observant of the two men, having noticed the distinguishing marks worn by the Japanese soldiers and Tanaka's coming out of the gate of "Euclid."

Mr. Baud appeared also uncertain of the exact number of prisoners who were, kneeling down. He had stated "half a dozen or more" and "some 12 or fourteen" and recollected three more men arriving and also being tied and made to kneel. This would bring the total number of prisoners to anything from nine to 17. Evidence on the shooting mentioned seven men. The question was, what happened to the other men and why they were not taken in the same way?

Improbable

Referring to the Saiwan Fort incident of the alleged bayonetting of Volunteers who had surrendered, Mr. Sakai contended that the scars shown by witnesses Chan Yam-kwong and Martin Tao Hin-chi were not scars resulting from a bayonet thrust.

The lines of the scars were not in a straight horizontal line as they would have been if received in a bayonet thrust from a Japanese soldier trained to use his bayonet in the Japanese Army manner. Furthermore both were slightly wounded and assuming that they had been bayonetted and not killed outright, it was improbable that they would not have received a second and third thrust if the intention had been to kill.

Commenting further on the evidence of Chan Yam-kwong, Mr. Sakai suggested that witness, if he had been bayonetted, would not have naturally (as he claimed) rolled down the slope as it was not so steep that a human body would naturally roll down it. It was unlikely that he would have fallen down in the position from which he could easily roll down.

Mr. Sakai contended also that a bayonet wound in the wrist would not be sufficient to make a person fall and that Chan's explanation that "all the blood squirted on my shirt, so the Japanese took for granted that I was killed" could not stand. The incident was said to have occurred at night when it was dark and there was no light to see by.

Tanaka's Position

Speaking of Tanaka's responsibility in respect of the charges made against him, Mr. Sakai said, in part:

"The accused did in fact make a practice of guiding and instructing his subordinates, so that prisoners of war, the wounded and members of medical organisations would be treated in accordance with International Law."

"Furthermore, on the occasion of the attack on the Island of Hong Kong, he gave addresses to his Junior Commanders in which he stressed the differences in opinion between the European and the Asiatic on the treatment of prisoners of war."

"He again instructed these officers on the treatment of prisoners of war in accordance with International Law and requested them to pass on these instructions to all his subordinates. Even during operations he used to issue concrete instructions regarding treatment of POWs whenever he considered it necessary."

"The fact that the accused gave instructions concerning this matter before this operation took place shows that he carried out his obligations as a commanding officer. He cannot, therefore, from a criminal point of view, be held responsible for any neglect of duty on the part of his men."

No Proof

"There is nothing to prove that the accused ever allowed or ordered or induced his subordinates to act in any manner which might infringe International Law."

Conclusion but that the accused is guilty can be drawn from them.

Sai Wan

"There is no suggestion anywhere that other than Tanaka's troops did capture Sai Wan. There is, indeed, no other rational conclusion, given that the massacre did, in fact, take place to be drawn but that elements of his Second Battalion did perpetrate it. In other words, as Tanaka's troops took Sai Wan, it is conclusive that they were responsible for what happened at the time of, and immediately after, the capture."

"When it comes to the Salesian Mission there are a number of factors which must be weighed. It will be recalled that Tanaka's troops took Lyemun Barracks and Sai Wan Hill and that these are above and to the east of the Salesian Mission. "Further, the road from Lyemun to the Island Road is well south of the Mission, which lies between the juncture and the site of the Tanaka's bivouacs. Now, the Japanese who took the Mission came from the South, not from the water front. This is apparent from two isolated facts."

"First, the Rajput officer who left in the ambulance immediately before went to Tytan, that is, to the south. The ambulance returned, having been fired on. Next, Dr. Banfill saw the Japanese forming up in the rear, i.e. south of the mission. In both these instances these circumstances point to the Japanese, having come from the south, probably from Lyemun or Sai Wan Hill."

Ubiquitous

"Coming to the massacre at 'Euclid' on Dec. 23, 1941, the evidence is almost entirely direct. The shooting of the men on the slope in front of 'Euclid' took place only some 10 or 15 minutes after Tanaka himself had made a speech to them. He himself says he was the last to leave 'Euclid' and no one remained after him. We have then, direct evidence that Tanaka's troops were in the vicinity when the shooting occurred. There is no evidence of any other troops, save the ubiquitous Anti-Tank Unit, being anywhere near."

"Before any aspersions are cast I would suggest a simple test to the Court. The present prosecutor appeared before you for 52 sittings in a recent case. He wore, at one time and another, various uniforms including bush shirts, service dress and battle dress. On one only of these did he wear a shoulder patch. Of which type of dress was the patch and what did it look like?"

The Exception
"But, there was one exception, and remarkably enough Mr. Boesveldt corroborates Lal Kwock. He says, 'All I know is that they had some white kind of label on their breast' and something written on it."

"Given that the atrocities alleged have been proved and that troops under the command of the accused committed them, to what extent is he concerned?"

"It is patent that if it were proved, for instance, that the accused himself ordered POWs to be executed, he would have difficulty in escaping conviction. Of course, there is no such evidence."

"But there is evidence that such orders were in effect. Principally, this is the evidence of Dr. Banfill. He was told by a junior officer called Honda, and pronounced Honda, that the order was to kill all captives. This order was apparently confirmed by a more senior officer. Now, given that Banfill was captured by Tanaka's men, the evidence is clear that such an order existed."

"At this point it is not so clear from whom the order emanated. So, you are asked to consider the evidence of Baud, Boesveldt and Gomersall. Each of these witnesses asserts that when they were lined up outside of 'Euclid' it was intimated to them by a Japanese that they should be shot. Surely no subordinate would dare to make such a suggestion either in presence of his superior or if the said superior's advent was imminent unless the statement was sanctioned by his superior."

"As to what happened at Shewon Hill, there is again little to be said. Certainly a body was brought out of the well. A medical officer, however, of the opinion that the bones were those of an Oriental. His opinion, he said, was founded on nothing more than the size indicated by the skeleton. Now, there are small Europeans. This Court has had before it on one or two occasions a certain Lieutenant-Colonel of the Winnipeg Grenadiers who is certainly no giant."

"One other point is remarkable about Lal Kwock's evidence regarding the Shewon Hill episode. In the opinion of the accused, he was not guilty of any offence by the accused but that no other rational con-

Coming Events

May 22—Y.M.C.A. Club, Gloucester Hotel, 12.45 p.m. Speaker: Major C.F. Miles on "Egypt." May 24—H.K. & Shumati Ferries, annual meeting, noon. May 24-25 Whiteman Race meeting.

May 28—H.K. Realty & Trust Co annual meeting, noon.

May 29—H.K. Tramways Ltd. annual meeting, Jardine's offices, noon.

May 31—China Provident annual and extraordinary meetings, Jacobean Room, H.K. Hotel, noon.

June 1—China Emporium annual meeting, 3 p.m.

June 2—H.K. & Whampoa Docks extraordinary meeting, noon.

June 27—Indo-China S.N. Co. Ltd. annual general meeting noon.

GRACIE GIVEN EIGHT YEARS

Sentence of eight years' imprisonment with hard labour was passed by Mr. Justice E.H. Williams (Puisne Judge) at the Supreme Court yesterday on James Kenneth Gracie, who was found guilty of doing an act likely to assist the enemy with intent to assist the enemy, by the jury, which did not retire.

Gracie was charged under the Defence Regulations with working as a commentator in a German Radio Station in Shanghai during the war, broadcasting anti-Allied propaganda.

After the verdict, Mr. A. Lansdale, Crown Prosecutor, asked the Court to take into consideration accused's excellent war record in the First World War. Accused had served in the Army and was severely gassed. He was made King's Corporal on the field on May 20. His interpreter, Ling Bing-man (a young girl) was fined \$100 for aiding and abetting.

Inspector C.T. Byron, of the S.C.A., said Wat had been living at the St. Francis Hotel since May 7 and, as a result of an advertisement in the Chinese Press, he was summoned to the S.C.A. on May 5 and warned personally by Mr. Todd.

Despite this Wat continued his practise at the hotel. Two lady inspectors of the S.C.A. were sent to Wat's room in the hotel on Tuesday to have their fortune told. Wat charged them \$15 each for reading their palms. Inspector Byron and two Chinese detectives arrested Wat and his interpreter.

A sign board found hanging inside Wat's room showed the palms of many famous persons, including the late President Franklin Roosevelt, Mr. Winston Churchill, Joseph Stalin, Soviet Foreign Commissar Molotov, and two former Axis leaders Adolf Hitler and Mussolini.

Wat told the Court that he had travelled widely in Europe as a palmist and was intended to return to Shanghai in a few days.

Another War Crimes Trial

The trial commenced before No. 5 War Crimes Court yesterday, Col. Sazawa Hisao, Commandant of Prisoner of War Camp groups in Formosa between July, 1943, and August, 1945, and a subordinate officer and N.C.O. Sazawa, Lieutenant Hisao Shiro, and Corporal Matsumura Yushio, are jointly charged with having been together concerned at No. 4 Branch Camp, Shiro, in the ill-treatment of prisoners-of-war and civilians, resulting in physical suffering to many of them.

As Commandant of P.O.W. Camps in Formosa, Sazawa is additionally charged with responsibility for ill-treatment of POWs at the branch camp at Kinseki, Tai-chu and Heito, the Headquarters Camps at Daichoku in Formosa, and in transit resulting in the deaths of a number of prisoners-of-war and in physical suffering to many prisoners-of-war and civilian internees.

The Prosecuting Officer is Major R.C. Lal. Accused are being defended by Japanese Defence Counsel, Mr. Tanaka Yukata, with Capt. J.N. Whitehorn as Advisory Officer.

BRIBERY CHARGE

Health Inspector Kwong Hon-ning was released on \$10,000 bail by Mr. Sainsbury at Central yesterday on two charges of demanding bribes with menaces and on another two counts of accepting bribes.

At the request of DSI V. Morrison, Kwong was formally remanded for one week. Mr. M.A. da Silva will defend Kwong.

An exhibition of the recent paintings of Mr. Luis Chan opens today at St. John's Cathedral Hall. There are 131 exhibits, of which about 30 are in oils, the remainder being watercolours.

The forthcoming wedding of F.M. Fattyland, managing director of Reliance Trading Co. Ltd., living at 16 Dorset Crescent, Kowloon Tong, to Miss Teo Melving, of the same address, is announced.

Two Years Sentence

Two years' hard labour was the sentence meted out to Fung Chung, Chan Wah, Chan Kam-cheong alias Lal Wong, and Teang Chol by Mr. W.A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday when the first accused pleaded guilty to the charge of store-breaking and larceny of nine boxes of gun-cotton primers and one jack, and the remaining three to aiding and abetting him.

On the charge of possession of dangerous goods in an air raid shelter at Ngau Tau Kok, all defendants were sentenced to six months' hard labour, and three months on the possession of an instrument fit for an unlawful purpose count. All the sentences to be concurrent.

Chan Wah, Chan Kam-cheong and Teang Chol were also recommended for banishment at the expiration of their sentence.

HEALTH FIGURES

During the period May 11th-17th, there were 105 cases with 87 deaths, of tuberculosis reported in the Colony.

Other infectious cases included 10 cases (3 deaths) of cerebrospinal meningitis; 13 cases (3 deaths) of malaria; 2 cases (1 death) of smallpox; 2 cases (1 death) of diphtheria; and 1 case (2 deaths) of enteric fever.

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"GERMANS, QUIT GRUMBLING"

Anglo-American Warning: Apathy Will Not Bring Better Days. Childish To Blame The Allies

Berlin, May 20. The British and American military governors, Air Marshal Sir Sholto Douglas and General Lucius D. Clay, told the German people to-night to stop grumbling and demonstrating and get to work if they wanted the food and economic conditions improved.

In a joint statement, the Governors pointed out that Germany's war of aggression was the direct cause of the present food crisis. They told the Germans that the United States and Great Britain for two years had been bearing the cost of supporting them.

"Grumbling and apathy will not bring better days for Germany," the proclamation declared. "Brave acceptance of responsibility, hard work and courage in the face of present adversities will alone achieve well-being."

Air Marshal Sir Sholto Douglas and General Clay termed as "childish" efforts by some German officials to blame the Allies for the food shortage. They said such gestures are a refusal to carry out their duties and to stage demonstrations, "particularly in working hours", could have no influence on better imports.

Stressing that German indigenous production was insufficient to meet requirements

GERMAN GRUMBLE

Dusseldorf, May 20. Heinrich Luebke, North Rhine-Westphalia Food Minister, today blamed the Military Government for the current food crisis and said the United States eventually might be forced to send wheat to Germany.

Addressing the second day's meeting of the new Landtag, Luebke said: "We remember reports that the United States is due for a bumper harvest. If for political reasons they are not prepared to send us food, they may be forced to do so later for economic reasons."

It is believed Luebke was hinting that the United States might be faced with a world wheat glut.

Foreign commentators claim the black market is responsible for the food crisis," he continued. "We reply it is the fault of the Military Government and there is some truth in both viewpoints."

He asserted that a number of offers of food to Germany had been turned down by the Allied authorities, including 150 tons of lard monthly from Denmark; 6,000 to 8,000 tons of oil from France; and an offer of whale oil from Denmark and Norway in exchange for Ruhr coal. He said that as long as the people were hungry, it was impossible to plan economic and agricultural life.

Luebke said it was "absolute, ly impossible" to plan distribution with those conditions.

Improper Methods

"I could give several recent examples where even members of the German administration have taken part in 'improper methods of obtaining food.'

He maintained that the special scheme for providing miners with extra food was not having the desired effect and production for the past two days was way under 200,000 tons.

In apparent reference to General Lucius Clay's recent speech, in which the Governor said troops might be used to see that German farmers did not hoard food, Luebke said, "It is my opinion that it is no good trying to control agricultural production by virtual police methods."

"We appeal to the entire world for help in this distressed province of North Rhine West-

No Aping Of Russia

London, May 19. The Food Minister, Mr. John Strachey, told the Commons to-day that the British Labour Government did not subscribe to the Russian slogan, "No work, no eat."

Sir Waldron Smithers (Cons.) asked why miners absent from work still received the special miners' food allocations and whether the Government would withdraw Russia's system of withdrawal ration cards from slackers.

Mr. Strachey replied: "No

FLOWER SHOW

London, May 20. The annual Chelsea Flower Show, sponsored by the Royal Horticultural Society, will open tomorrow after an interval of eight years. The King, Queen and other members of the Royal Family made a tour of the show to-day.

Although exhibitors are not

so numerous as before the war, the show is expected to be one of the most successful ever held. The King said his own exhibits of butter flowers grown in the Royal Gardens at Windsor.—Reuters.

Defiance Of UNO

Lake Success, May 20. The United States charged in the Security Council that Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Albania are showing deliberate defiance of the United Nations in their refusal to cooperate with the Council's Balkans investigation and border-watching programme.

The U. S. delegate, Mr. Johnson, told the Council "it is entirely impossible that this Council should accept their resolution to cooperate."

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Johnson said: "It is believed Luebke was hinting that the United States might be faced with a world wheat glut.

Food Hoarding

Berlin, May 20.

British and American "flying squadrons" of agricultural experts are mounting attempts by German farmers to hoard food while the city dwellers exist on a starvation diet, a top British food and agriculture authority disclosed at a press conference today.

The spokesman told of one instance where about 2,000 head of cattle were found hidden in a farm in North Rhine-Westphalia state in the British zone. He said American investigators had been "very successful" in finding hidden food supplies on farms in Bavaria.

The spokesman said there were no overall statistics available on the results of the flying squadrons' inspections. He said approximately 100 specialists working as members of various squadrons were scattered throughout the British zone. He did not know how many members of the American military government were similarly employed.—United Press.

U.S. Navy Fund Vote

Washington, May 20.

The House of Representatives passed and sent to the Senate the 1948 Navy Department Appropriations Bill after affirming a 10 per cent cut in the Navy funds ordered by the House Appropriations Committee.

The measure provides US\$3,467,761,000 for the U. S. Navy during the 12 months beginning July 1. The bill was passed by a voice vote.

Attempts to wipe out the 10 per cent reduction on the floor were beaten down easily. The House Democratic whip, Representative John W. McCormack, then expressed the hope that the Senate would vote the Navy larger amounts.

The House Appropriations Committee chairman, Rep. John Taber, disputed the claim that a cut in funds for Navy personnel would force a reduction of 70,000 in Navy strength and 12,000 in the Marine Corps.

He said the Navy could maintain present strength on a restricted budget if it would reduce high-ranking officers to pre-war ranks.—United Press.

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German Black Market

Frankfurt, May 20.

Sumner Sewall, Military Governor of Wurttemberg-Baden and former Governor of Maine, told the German people in his state today that the Americans may stop sending food unless the Black Market is halted and food demonstrations stopped.

In an address over Radio Stuttgart, Mr. Sewall said there was evidence that large amounts of food have disappeared from farms into the Black Market during the winter.

"The American people have heard much of this Black Market," Mr. Sewall said. "The Military Government will not be

a party to asking the American taxpayers to make up this Black Market deficit."

He said there had been several "wildcat strikes" in the state outwardly protesting against food shortages. He warned that the strikes had an extremely unfavourable effect in America.

"There is ever-increasing resistance against allocating food for Germany in America," Mr. Sewall said.

Danger

"There is a very distinct danger that strikes and demonstrations on your part at this time can easily jeopardize food supplies that are currently coming to Germany," he said.

"The war between our people has reaped its millions of dead by violence.... You must know that there was the inevitable danger that hunger might reap second harvest."—United Press.

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Moscow Radio Attacks Truman Again

London, May 20. Moscow Radio launched another attack on President Truman in its English broadcast today by its commentator, V. Linetsky. It takes the speeches of Mr. Dean Acheson and Mr. Averell Harriman as point of departure for strictures on dollar diplomacy as the true meaning of President Truman's policy.

The loan to France, Linetsky said, is a manoeuvre to bring about modification of French policy in favour of the Truman Doctrine and "now dollar diplomacy is trying to force a similar policy on Italy."

"With dollar pressure behind them," continued the commentator, "Italian reactionaries are again trying to put the helm to the right, just as they did during the January crisis."

These constant attacks from Moscow on the Truman Doctrine, incidentally, receive little attention in the British press.

Officially, one finds almost a boycotting of any mention of the doctrine. It was widely noted that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Bevin, in his two long speeches on Foreign Affairs in Parliament last week never once even mentioned the Truman Policy.

When officials here are questioned on the subject, they usually register embarrassment and fall back on the mild statement by Mr. McNeil, Minister of State, at the time President Truman first announced his plan of aid to Greece and Turkey.

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Lords To Examine Bill Closely

London, May 20.

Conservative and Liberal Peers in the House of Lords tonight pledged themselves to support the Labour Government's bill to bring Britain's inland transportation under state control when it is given its second reading tomorrow night.

But they made it clear that they intended to give its clauses the careful scrutiny missed when the bill was "guillotined" through the House of Commons a few weeks ago.

The attitude of the Conservative and Liberal Peers would support the bill because they were satisfied that majority in the House of Lords, which was set out by Lord Swinton, former Minister of Civil Aviation, who declared that although they would not vote against it, the Conservatives would give the bill "a close and careful" study during the committee stage.

Thirty-one clauses and five schedules of the bill had recently received no consideration at all under the Government's decision to impose a strict time limit in the House of Commons, he declared. Two hundred Government amendments made without discussion "may have been good or bad." The opposition would try to look at the bill from the point of view of the travelling public.

Liberal Support

Lord Beveridge, formerly Sir William Beveridge, the noted economist, said that the Liberal

peers would support the bill because they were satisfied that

Bruton's transport could not be left as it was and because they believed that, by amendment, the bill could become "the means of making this vital industry efficient and free again."

The bill—first in the present parliament to reach the House of Lords after being "guillotined" through the House of Commons—was introduced for its second reading by Lord Pakenham, Minister responsible for the administration of the British zone of Germany, who has just returned from Germany.

Lord Pakenham emphasized that under the nationalisation scheme, the country's small trucking outfits would be left free. The Government, he said, was quite genuinely anxious that they should have a reasonable field of operation.—Reuters.

MASS LYNCH TRIAL

Greenville, S.C., May 20.

The prosecution, in its closing arguments at the South's first mass lynch trial, today demanded convictions that could include the death penalty for 28 alleged mobsters accused of filling their "bellies with liquor" and then killing a negro, Willie Earle.

Defence counsel denied that the State had proved the guilt of a single defendant and told the jury of 12 white men that "not a citizen of South Carolina" would object to freeing all 28 men.

Brig. Hinde, who is an ornithologist, was temporarily detained by a Soviet patrol while bird-watching in the British sector, near the Soviet Embassy. He said the Soviets realized their mistake and quickly apologized.—United Press.

John Bold Culbertson, attorney for the defence, angered Judge Robert Martin by shouting in Court that he would like to see more negroes like Willie Earle put to death.

Judge Martin ruled that no tone of racial hatred could be injected into summations.

The defence made much of the State's failure to prove who fired the shot that actually killed Earle.—United Press.

Washington, May 20.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee today approved the nomination of Mr. John Carter Vincent, head of the State Department's Eastern Division, to the rank of Minister in the United States Foreign Service. Ten other State Department men were similarly approved.—United Press.

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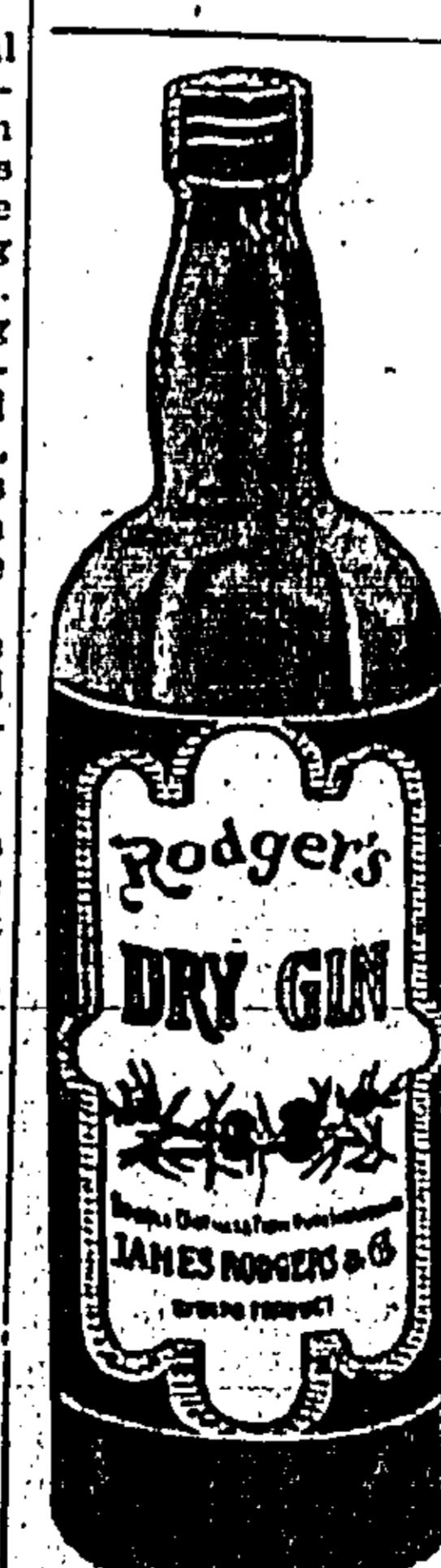
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S. P. PERRY

Lt. Col. Commander,
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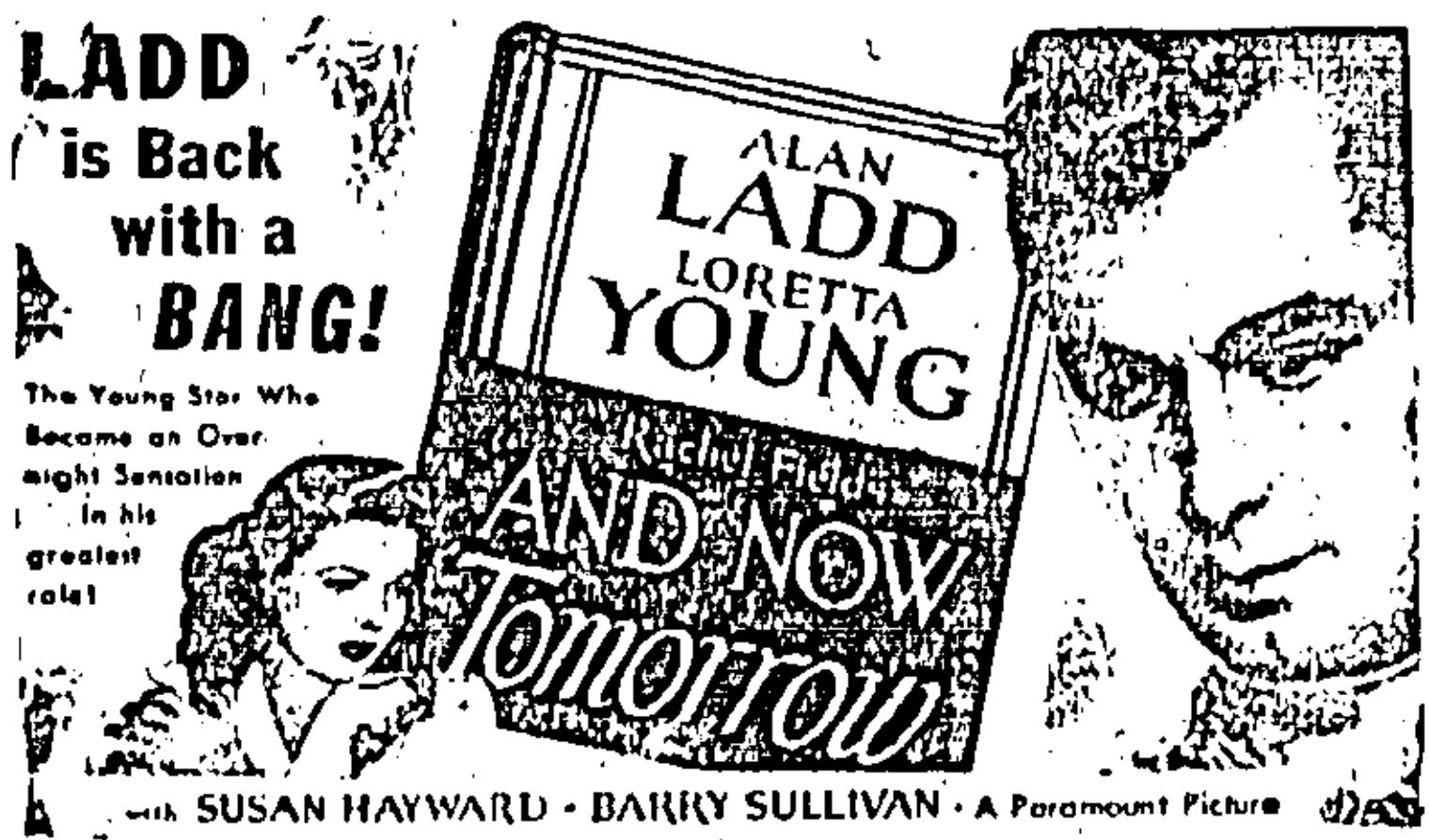
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SINGAPORE AWARDS

London, May 20.
Civilians who aided the British forces during military operations in Malaya and during enemy air attacks on Singapore are among those honored for their bravery by awards announced in to-night's "London Gazette."

Service rendered to British prisoners-of-war in Malaya during the Japanese occupation are also recognized.—Reuter.

Weather Man Up From Philippines

Dr. del Rosario, Director of the Philippine Weather Bureau, and Mr. Foster V. Jones of the United States Weather Bureau, arrived in the Colony on Monday by air from Manila.

They are spending a few days at the Royal Observatory to discuss the development of weather services in Manila and Hong Kong with the Observatory staff. Their visit marks the revival of the close and friendly cooperation which existed between these two services before the war, and which is now more than ever necessary owing to the great increase in air traffic.

The Manila Observatory was destroyed during the war, and Dr. del Rosario is faced with a heavy task of reconstruction and re-organization. The interchange of meteorological information and the provision of weather reports and forecasts for shipping and aircraft were discussed.

Radio weather reports from ships at sea are of the utmost value to the forecaster, particularly when a typhoon is in this region, and agreement was reached on the sea-areas from which the two centres—should receive ships' reports.

Similar typhoon warning systems are in use in the Philippine Islands and in Hong Kong, and it was agreed that no alteration is required in the present Local Storm Signal Code. Certain minor alterations in the Non-Local Code were suggested, but these must await the agreement of other users, and in any case will not be brought into force this year.

Incidentally, this code now has a very limited application in Hong Kong; it is used for the visual signals displayed on Blackhead Hill, but all other "non-local" warnings are distributed in plain language by radio.

It is hoped that both Hong Kong and Manila will be represented at the meetings of the International Meteorological Organization to be held at Washington and Toronto in the autumn.

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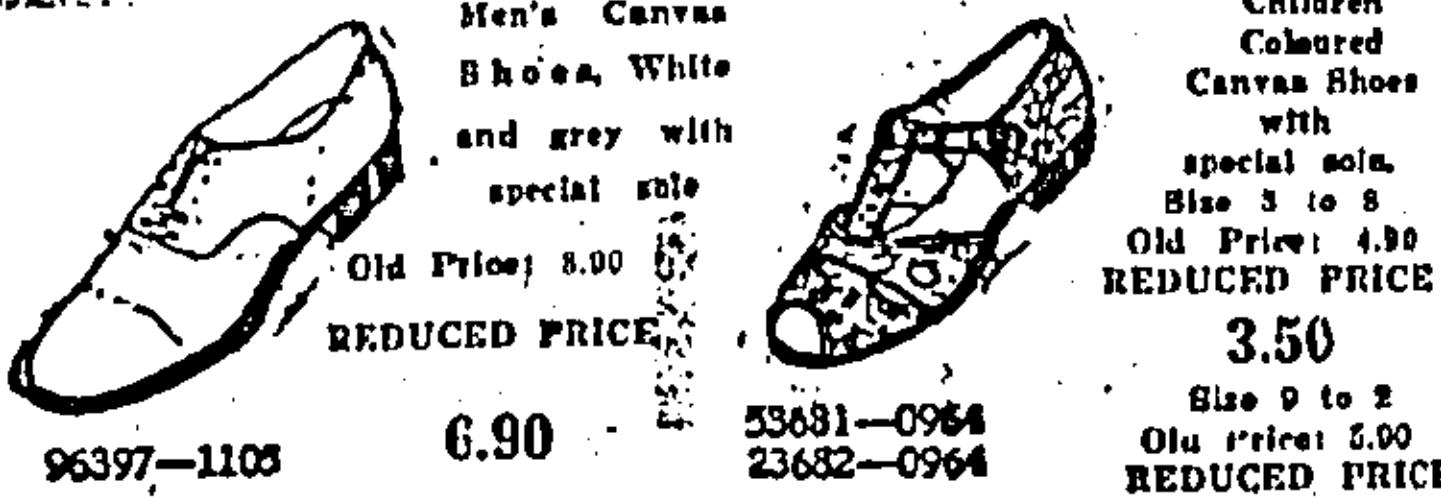
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THE GRACIE CASE

When James Kenneth Gracie was sent to prison for eight years yesterday, for a crime against his country at war, the sentence added nothing to our pride in the inextorably workings of British justice. It was, in fact, a savage sentence, a sentence which cannot fail to shock the public conscience, stirring again the conviction that there is something ugly, wrong, contemptuous about the continued vindictive pursuit of some of those who erred when so many have been permitted to escape. Lust for vengeance vanished in the majority of us long ago. Partly that has been due perhaps to sentimentalism, the emergence of the spirit of forgiveness immediately the hour of crisis is over. Operative also however is the knowledge that so many of the worst collaborators with the enemy are free in our midst, thanks to that now famous amnesty which relieved the Hong Kong authorities of the responsibility and the embarrassment of taking action. In the light of these circumstances, the Gracie sentence calls for revision, if not by the Courts, then by the exercise of executive clemency.

The most vital facts in the case, as so simply stated by the accused, were never challenged. On the contrary, prosecuting counsel adopted the unusual course of making a supporting statement in mitigation of penalty. "It is wrong for a man to battle for a living to save his wife and child from the gutter," said Gracie, "then I have nothing more to say." Because I had a Japanese wife and child, the British Residents' Association left them to sink or swim. I could not desert them." For his offence, broadcasting from a German radio station in Shanghai and assisting in anti-Allied propaganda, he had, prior to his production in Hong Kong, on the authority of a most interesting legal submission, spent ten months in a Chinese gaol in Shanghai. Gracie, in fact, and as very small fry indeed, has had punishment enough. To put him in Stanley Prison for eight years, for an offence arising in embitterment and deriving from one of the strongest instincts of man, the welfare of wife and children, offends all the humanities.

That was the most important thing about the meeting because, in the belief of many impartial observers in this country, if the Liberals and Conservatives did reach a working agreement in the constituencies in the next election they could throw the Labour Government out neck and crop..... thanks to the British electoral system.

Liberal Party: Prospects At The Next Election

By FRANK
FISHER

The Liberal Party assembly at Bournemouth, which saw the decision of the Liberals to fight the next election as an independent and an individual party, is over.

But it will probably be 1950 before we in Britain find out what the result of that decision will be. At least, at the moment, Labour has no intention of having an election before then.

And, if it is 1950, there may be all sorts of changes in Britain which will alter the decision taken at Bournemouth. Nobody knows what the condition of Britain will be in three years time and it is that will sway men then, and not a party conference today. In other words, whether it was intended that way or not, the Bournemouth decision was, in effect, an interim one.

Never since 1911 have the Liberals of this country been so sure of themselves. Ground between the upper and the nether millstones of Conservatism and Labour they have nevertheless maintained their identity, kept up some sort of organisation, have expanded considerably in some constituencies in the last few months, and have become aware of that large floating vote in this country which voted Labour at the last election chiefly to spite the Tories and now is turning away from Labour but with no great desire to enter the Tory fold.

These unknown thousands are the people upon whom the Liberals base their brave hopes. There are other things in their favour. There is a swing away from the Labour Party, especially among the middle and lower middle classes. As yet this has not showed up much in by-election pollings (on the contrary,) and nobody knows how big it is. Conceivably by 1950 it might grow into large proportions. Conceivably, too, it might wear itself out.

The Revival

Where, then, in the face of these figures does the Liberal optimism come from. Firstly, it comes from something that happened 12 years ago, the 1935 election. Then the Liberal vote was only 1,375,166 (and a Liberal national vote of 856,095 to which the remarks made above on this point also apply). Thus in the face of 12 years of very very small representation in Parliament, of bigger but still small representation in the press of the country, and in face of the old British two-party tradition, which is still enormously strong, the Liberals increased their vote by 900,000.

But that is only half the picture. The Liberals polled their 2,239,668 votes in only 306 constituencies, less than half of the 640 represented in the present House of Commons. They, or some of them, argue that if they double the number of constituencies they fight they can really double their vote. Then, they say, add to this 6,000,000 the votes of all the disaffected Labour voters, the Radicals rather than the confirmed So-

It was this that helped the Liberals at Bournemouth proudly declare their independence. "It takes two to make an alliance," proclaimed Mr. Isaac Foot, replying to Mr. Winston Churchill's Primrose League speech in which he dallied with the idea of a working agreement between the two parties.

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Single Vote

For when dealing with British politics one fact above all others has to be remembered

100 Years Ago Today

(From the "China Mail," May 22, 1847.)

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At a Meeting of Members of the Hong Kong Club held on Tuesday on the 4th instant, the following resolution was proposed by A. Carter, Esq., Seconded by T. W. Macken, Esq., and carried unanimously—

"That this General Meeting be adjourned until the 18th instant and a Committee be now formed consisting of—Major Burn, Captain McQuire, Wilkinson Dent, Esq., C. J. Brine, Esq., J. Jardine, Esq., D. Fletcher, Esq., A. Carter, Esq.,

"With power to add to their numbers, to revise and if necessary, remodel the Standing rules of the Club, with a view to accommodate them generally, to the altered circumstances of the Colony and Oceania, and to propose measures for the formation of a Library in connection with the Club; and that this proposition be printed in parts of the Colony and Oceania."

London, May 20.
The Duchess of Kent, who is to pay a visit to Greece for the first time since before the war, will leave Britain for Athens on Tuesday of next week in one of the planes of the King's flight.

The Duchess, who is to be

away for only a few weeks, will see her mother, Princess Nicholas. They last met when the Princess visited England in 1938.

It has to be recorded that the Liberal "Manchester Guardian" in reporting a speech by Mr. E. Martell, Chairman of the Appeals Committee, in which he gave roughly these figures, said: "An interesting and, as a good many seemed to think, amusing analysis..." and then it added that his optimistic forecast was received with some rather incredulous smiles.

But the fact that a responsible delegate could talk in this way at the conference shows the temper of the Liberal Party today. It is on the way up. Its members are optimistic, eager and anxious to match swords with the two Opposition parties. And that is at least part of a battle.

The Sewing

There are other things in their favour. There is a swing away from the Labour Party, especially among the middle and lower middle classes. As yet this has not showed up much in by-election pollings (on the contrary,) and nobody knows how big it is. Conceivably by 1950 it might grow into large proportions. Conceivably, too, it might wear itself out.

On the other hand, there is no great swing towards the Conservative Party and, in the opinion of impartial observers, there is not likely to be as long as the party is run as it is today. Even its own supporters admit that it lacks inspiration and, outside Mr. Churchill, leaders, too. And no opposition party can prosper and enlarge its position without forcible leadership. Not just from one man at the top, but from the half-dozen. This the Conservative Party lacks.

Thus there is a great opportunity ahead for a resurgent Liberal Party.

But—and there is a "but"—there is also another side to the picture. The Liberals, too, lack dynamic leadership. Their former leader, Sir Archibald Sinclair, who headed them in the House of Commons until his defeat in 1945, was not even at the Bournemouth conference.

Leadership

Their present leader in the House, Mr. Clement Davies, M.P. for Montgomery, is an estimable man, courageous and hardworking, but he is no David Lloyd George. And to win large blocks of votes in Britain today resurgent parties need the kind of glamorous leadership that the "Wizard from Wales" used to provide.

Thus, although we may get a Liberal revival at the polls that single non-transferable vote I have mentioned earlier may hamstring the party just as it does today. With its 2,239,668 voters only returning 12 men to parliament, the Liberals naturally think the present system of voting is wrong. But their opponents comment, with cruel truthfulness that the Liberals should have found that out when they were in power and should have altered it then. It is not a logical argument, but it is an understandable one.

Thus, it is to come back, the Liberals must poll somewhere near parity with the other two parties. Then they can split the Tory-Labour hold on the House of Commons and possibly, if the fates are kind, win for themselves predominating power. If they return less than a hundred members they must inevitably become the minor half of a coalition at least. And the smallest party in the House at worst.

United Press.

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U.S. FUNDS FOR TERRORISTS

British Complaint About Collections

Refugee Jews Now Parachuted?

Jerusalem, May 21. Jews, Britons and Arabs have challenged the assertion made in New York by Rabbi Baruch Korff that the Political Action Committee for Palestine has dropping refugee Jews into the Holy Land by parachute.

"It is a sensation how they can drop people by parachute without aeroplanes!" one high military authority said yesterday.

"All they ask us to believe is that a plane can take off in Europe, fly over a dozen frontier, drop the parachutes and fly away without being shot down."

A Jewish Agency spokesman criticized what he called the use of such tactics to assist in the collection of funds. An Arab spokesman commented similarly.

Police sources call the assertion about the parachute immigration "fantastic and impossible." As quoted Press.

Jewish terrorist forces here have received funds from the American League for Palestine. The money-raising activities of the League have caused British complaints to the United States Government. The Jewish terrorist organizations are not noticeably enthusiastic about the amounts given.

Irgun Zvai Leumi is being continually taunted by Haganah, the militia of the official Zionist movement, with the fact that Irgun's supporters in the United States sent only one illegal refugee vessel to Palestine whereas Haganah supporters brought in 30 since the end of the war.

The Stern Gang ("Fighters for Freedom of Israel"), a smaller fighting organization, is reported to be receiving very slight support from the American League for Palestine and its supporters in the United States.

Occasional League contributions are being received, said a spokesman of the Stern group, but they do not exceed the support given to the organization by other groups in the United States or elsewhere.

A recent statement from Irgun said that the Stern organization "supports its struggle," but there is no formal connection between them and the Irgun organization, however. Nor is there any link, the statement added.

Pigeon-Holed
A memorandum from the Stern Gang to the United Nations asking for action to make Britain comply with the General Assembly's appeal for an interim peace in Palestine has been pigeon-holed when it was received yesterday by the Polish Consulate General.

The Consul-General said today that he did not consider it important and intended to do nothing about it as it bore no guarantee of authenticity.

The memorandum achieved its purpose, however, by publicizing the terms on which the underground forces themselves would obey the peace appeal.

There has never been any thought here that the British administration would treat with the terrorists or accept the conditions of peace laid down by the Stern Group and the Irgun.

Acceptance of the terms would be tantamount to a reversal of the British policy towards illegal Jewish immigration and terrorism.—Reuter.

Donations

Washington, May 20. No action has so far been taken on the forceful new British protest over advertisements in the American press soliciting charitable funds for the Jewish underground, the United States Secretary of State, General Marshall, said today.

Asked by a British correspondent whether he considered the giving of money to finance the killing of British soldiers and blowing up of bridges was a charitable donation, General Marshall replied:—

"I would say that such donations were not charitable."

The American League for Free Palestine, whose Chairman, Ben Hecht, wrote the advertisement to which the latest British note too, specific objection, is listed at the Bureau of Internal Revenue among the charitable, scientific and cultural organizations to which funds can be contributed tax free.—Reuter.

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Rio de Janeiro, May 20. The total eclipse of the sun was observed under perfect conditions by United States and Brazilian scientists at Bocaiuva and for at least two of the vital four minutes by the Russians, Swedes, Finns and others at Araxa today. Observations were "perfect," according to the chief of the United States expedition, and the entire mission there was described as 99 per cent successful.

The Russian expedition at Araxa would not comment on their observations, but the Canadian scientist, James Hargrave, who promised to do some of the work planned by the ill-fated British expedition—they were killed in an air crash at Dakar while on their way out—reported that he had obtained one photograph of the sun's corona.

Observations designed to check part of Einstein's theory of relativity was one of the principal objectives of the American party, and these were 95 per cent successful, it was stated.

For this study a specially-built telescope, with a 20-foot focal length, photographed the stars behind the sun. The instrument will be left there for some months until the stars are in the same position but without the sun, when they will again be photographed.

If Einstein is right when passing close to matter, the stars will appear to have shifted, and the Americans will measure this shift, giving a check on the theory.

Only two of the scores of scientists at the American camp actually watched the eclipse. The rest overcasted against the cold as the sun "died," pored over instruments, making mechanical observations in total darkness.

Clouds prevented direct observation of the eclipse in the central zone of Chile, but scientists flew above the cloud level to make recordings.

House and street lamps were lit in Rio de Janeiro and San Paulo during the totality period.—Reuter.

Cruiser's Unruly Visitors

Bombay, May 20.

United States Marines and Bombay police today dispersed an unruly crowd which attempted to force its way aboard the United States cruiser "Toledo," which is at the moment visiting Bombay en route to Tokyo.

A huge crowd responded to a published invitation to the public to visit the cruiser and arrived by the thousands at Alexander dock, where the vessel is anchored.

Because there was only one small gangplank and the crowd was apparently in an unruly spirit, Captain Detzer, commander of the "Toledo," notified the United States Consul General, who in turn notified the police.

The ship was then ordered to be closed to visitors, which precipitated a storm of jeers and catcalls and screams of "Yankees, get out!"

Some already on the gangplank tried to keep moving, but a broad detachment on the ship, using rifles as a blockade, pushed the crowd off while the police dispersed it from the docks.—United Press.

Sino-American Talks

Washington, May 20.

A State Department spokesman today said that the inauguration of Sino-American discussions to settle Sino-lease and other outstanding accounts between the two governments, which both had agreed should start as soon as possible, had been delayed several weeks.

The delay is partly because Chinese officials who will negotiate have not reached the United States, but mainly due to the fact that the United States is carrying on similar negotiations with the Russians and Yugoslavs and lacks sufficient key personnel to deal with the Chinese until the other discussions have ended.—United Press.

Town Planning Bill Passed

London, May 20.

The Government's plans for the reconstruction of old towns, providing open spaces for over-crowded areas and allocating land for new houses and factories, were given a final approval by the House of Commons tonight by 297 votes to 126.

The bill marks the stage where planning leaves the negative principle and goes over to the positive. Mr. Fred Marshal, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Town and Country Planning, said tonight as he wound up the third hearing debate.

The bill, which still has to go to the House of Lords, will revolutionize the existing system of land tenure, according to the Government, and deprives landowners of the right to build on their land unless the building is in accordance with planning requirements.

The owner will no longer be able to make a profit when the value of his land has increased through building development. The bill gives the Government the power to take over land needed for its plans and to pay compensation according to the development value of the property.

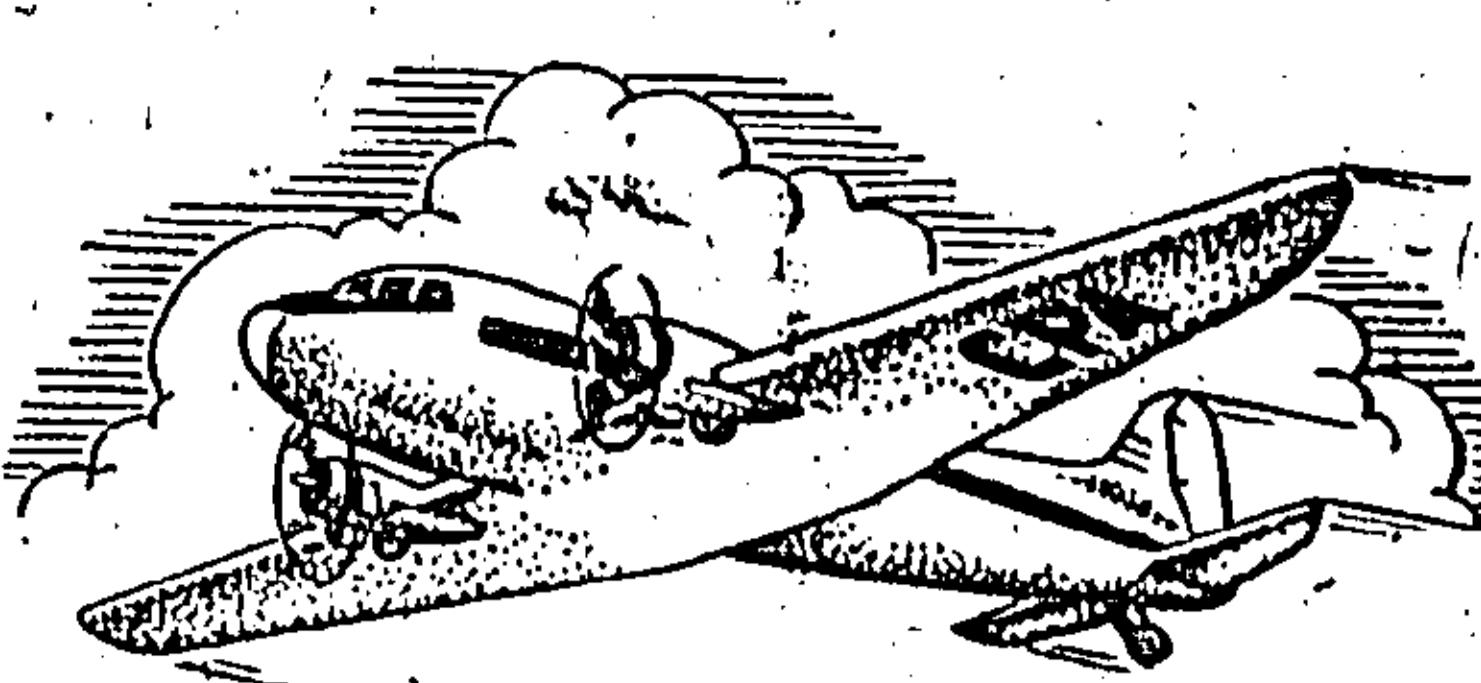
Concession

The chief concession made by the Government to the Conservatives today.—Reuter.

The Opposition before the guillotine fell on the Committee stage of the bill recently was the decision to abandon the 1939 standard of property valuation, and pay compensation to landowners and owners of bomb-damaged sites according to the present market values.

The Town and Country Planning Bill is the last of the two nationalization schemes which the Government has decided to rush through the House of Commons before the Whitsun recess next week, applying the guillotine procedure to impose a time limit on the debate.

The other bill, the Transport Nationalization measure, was debated in the House of Lords today.—Reuter.



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The S.C.A. is taking a very serious view of Chinese "mosquito" newspapers publishing indecently worded stories, was stressed by Inspector C.T. Brys before Mr. Sainsbury at Central yesterday when a number of proprietors, publishers, editors and printers were summoned for publishing such articles.

In all cases, the Magistrate imposed the maximum fine of \$250 on each of the summonses.

Appearing on four summonses, Yip Sal-cheung, manager and accountant of the Wing Shing Printing Company, 239 Lyndhurst Terrace, was fined \$1,000 for publishing indecent articles in the "Sze Man Po" on April 30, and in the "Shing Po" on April 20, 24, and 26.

Law Tui-suk, publisher and editor of the "Shing Po," and To Chung, proprietor of the "Shing Po," were each fined \$750 on three summonses for publishing indecent articles in the paper on April 20, 24 and 26.

Mr. C.Y. Chow was formerly connected with the China National Aviation Corporation as Finance Manager and one time Secretary to Mr. Chang Ching-nan, present Governor of The Central Bank of China.

Fines totalling \$750 were imposed on Ho Lam, of 20 Lee Yuen Street, East, for publishing indecent articles in the "Sing Po" on April 17, 19 and 21 whilst being the proprietor, publisher, editor and printer of the paper.

By next spring the company expects to have four luxury liners operating between the West Coast of America and Honolulu, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Manila.

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Business back to prewar level and a handsome net profit of \$236,588.51 for the 13-month period ending December 31, 1946, were reported at the second post-war annual general meeting of the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., held in the offices of the general managers, (Dodwell & Co., Ltd.) yesterday.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. E.R. Hill, chairman of the consulting committee; and he was supported by Messrs. I.W. Shawan and A.C. Offenberg (committee members) and Mr. V. Yvanovich (secretary).

Opening the meeting Mr. Hill said in paid:—

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